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# Parsons

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# Introduction

Who is Parsons?

Parsons is a character that lives near Winston and works at the Ministry of Truth. He is described by Winston as “a fat but active man of paralysing stupidity, a mass of imbecile enthusiasms.” Parsons is married to a dull wife and he has children who are members of the junior spies. They eventually dob him in, resulting in him being sent to the Ministry.

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# Character quotes

Important quotes about/from  
Parsons

““Down with Big Brother!’ Yes, I said that! Said it over and over again, it seems. Between you and me, old man, I’m glad they got me before it went any further...” (Parsons)

“He was a fattish but active man of paralyzing stupidity, a mass of imbecile enthusiasm--one of those completely unquestioning, devoted drudges on whom, more even than on the Thought Police, the stability of the party depended.” (Winston)

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# Purpose of this character

Why is Parsons important?



Parsons is an important character in 1984 as he acts as a symbol. Parsons symbolizes the ideal member of the party's dystopian society. He is ignorant, he blindly follows the party and their regimes, he supports their ideas, and questions very little about the world before the party took over.

The quote about Parsons talking in his sleep earlier helps to show that even the most loyal member subconsciously defies the party. This is something even the party cannot shield their members from.

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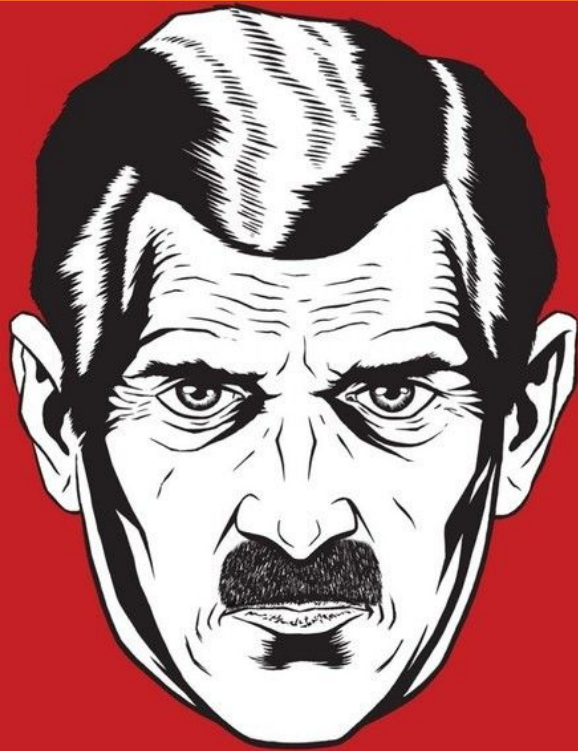
# Relationships

What relationships does Parsons have with other characters and which of these are important to the text?



Winston has a strong relationship with both his wife, children and members of the community centre, his relationship with his wife and the community further shows how he is the perfect member of the party's messed up society, participating in hate week activities and only having sexual intercourse for the sake of procreation. His relationship with his children is rather ironic as his daughter is ultimately the one to denounce him to the thought police.

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**BIG BROTHER IS  
WATCHING YOU**

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**Thanks  
for  
watching**

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